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In Other Days

From the Observer Jan. 3, 1902
 Guy Walton and Charley Guyton both of Kent resolved to hatch no longer and willing to try double harness, each took a wife during the holidays.
 Rev. Elder held services in Kent school house last Sabbath.
 Pat McDonald, Elwood Thompson and John Christianson, left their plows and came to town yesterday looking for snow. They got sunshine.
 The paternal hearts of Glen Junkin and O. A. Ramsey were gladdened by the arrival of a baby girl at the home of each this week. Dr. Goffin says all are doing nicely.
 Kirk Toms had a lively runaway when leaving Grant for Moro's New Year dance. Nothing hurt but the buggy.
 J. W. Messinger was the happy recipient of a holiday visit from his father Jacob, now in his 80th year.

From the Observer Jan. 3, 1912

SHERMAN COUNTY, A Political Subdivision of the State of Oregon, Plaintiff vs. MRS. W. M. BARNETT, THE W. M. BARNETT ESTATE, JOHN PHILLIP BLAIR, W. C. BRYANT ESTATE, S. O. CLODFELTER, LENORE M. HULSE COTHERS, MAMIE ELLIOTT, GLADYS E. FORD, ANNIS M. HARRIS ESTATE, VIOLET HAYNES, F. L. HULERY ESTATE, INDEPENDENT WAREHOUSE & MILLING COMPANY, C. L. IRELAND, W. F. & CARRIE JACKSON, B. A. KLICKS, NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, J. E. NORTON, RUBY B. PETTYS, JOHN C. RICHARDSON, MRS. C. SNIDER, CORA L. VINTON ESTATE, and all persons, corporations, known or unknown, claiming any right, title or interest in any of the real estate hereinafter described.
 Defendants

During 1941 the county might well gravel several more miles of road which have been widened and graded already. The court has sufficient funds for the purchase of gravel. It has now pretty well gotten over the notion of buying a portable rock crusher, we believe, and may be nearly ready to let contracts for sizeable rock crushing jobs. Local labor will not be so plentiful or so needy this year because of war work and costs for crushing may be a little higher than they have been, but 1941 may bring some additional graded roads.
 If the local service organizations are willing to do the work and gather the information they may succeed in getting a bridge built across the Columbia at Mary-Ell and Federal Highway 97 brought up to military specifications in a few places where it lacks them. This is probably too big an order for one year. Yet when the need for a north and south highway strong enough, straight enough, without tunnels or bridges, is considered there is but one answer. We have it.
 We might consolidate our schools so that our children could obtain better educations. This is particularly true of high schools. A plan for county unit failed in 1940. A plan for a consolidated high school might carry for this year of having five high schools with hardly enough pupils for one is a joke. The present system does harm to the students, costs the taxpayer more. It serves in a degree to keep up civic pride by giving each town the right to boast of having a high school. Our children are paying a high price for our pride.
 The problem of power, public or private, will probably be settled in 1941. A year from now we may be burning Bonneville juice. We may get it through formation of PUD districts, REAs, straight purchase, through Wasco county's organization. How to get it the best and cheapest is our problem.
 On the agricultural front we could take some steps to substitute other crops for wheat which is falling in price and bids fair to continue to fall. The farmer is now getting along with a crutch provided by the federal government. Eventually a permanent adjustment will have to be made. Those who are in the lead of it will have an advantage over those who lag behind.
 There are minor things to do to improve our standard and our comfort in living. The Wasco Garden club is showing the way by trying to get rid of old and unsightly buildings in the little towns. It is a good movement and much might be done with it with public co-operation. Improvement of parks and streets is another project worthy of effort.
 We wonder what would happen to a county or community if every one in it gave a part of his or her spare time to civic improvement ventures.

New Years day was very, very quiet in Moro. People who the night before had been most active in welcoming the new year paid the least attention to its progress through its first day. Even those who had slept through the annual year changing were not inclined to test the patience of the new 1941 by any noticeable activity worthy of note. The day might be compared to the first round of a long boxing match in which the contestants feel out each others' might before leading for the chin. In 365 short rounds we will vanquish the new year but not before he has dealt blows to some of us that will leave us sore and groggy and maybe hanging on the ropes.

Secretary Olcott has issued a statement that license tags have been issued for 519 E.M.F. autos. The next popular car in the state is the Ford, there being 468 in number the Buick is third. It is estimated that 7,500 cars will be running in the state this year.
 The old year departed leaving this region pure white; the soil below and the temperature soft, to secure the most beneficial results to the growing crops from the 5 to 7 inches of snow.
 Mrs. Fred Hennagin has returned from Portland.
 Try the famous Sunday dinner at the Hotel Moro.
 Frank Hulery has sold his Percheron stallion to Green Bullack, Frank Saxton, and Richard and Robert Divers, of Klickitat county. C. K. Cochran and family returned to their Washougal home January 2nd.
 County Clerk McPherson spent New Years helping Merchant Irby of Kent, invoice his stock.
 The business interests of Moro entertained the farming community adjacent to this city at Rudolf's opera house Saturday evening at a most elaborate banquet.

The main opera house floor was used as the banquet hall and 274 pictures were arranged on long double tables. Mayor O. J. Goffin acted as master of ceremonies.
 From the Observer Jan. 6, 1922
 Gwendolyn Reese left Tuesday for Salem, where she will resume her studies at Willamette University.
 Clarence Lusk was seriously injured in a coasting accident on First street hill early Friday evening when he collided with the large bob sled on the crossing in front of the Methodist church.
 Little Miss Isla Gene, weight 8 pounds, arrived January 2nd to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Brisbine in the days to come.
 School resumed Tuesday with all teachers present after a pleasant vacation spent in as many sections of Oregon.
 A watch party and neighborhood dance was held New Years eve at DeMoss in the old store building. Among those present were three couples from Moro who united in claiming a genuinely fine time.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN

Name of Owner as shown on Latest Tax Roll and Description of Property	Sec. Lot	Twp. or bl'k	Range N-S or W.M.	TAX ROLL Vol/Line	Year of Delinquency	Am't of Taxes	Int. to June 15, 1940	Total
Mrs. W. M. Barnett, Wasco, Biggs 2nd. Lots 9 and 10	10	8		1 8 12 1939	1939	3.13	.22	3.35
				1 9 1 1938	1938	3.06	.46	3.52
				1 9 1 1937	1937	3.68	.85	4.53
				1 8 20 1936	1936	4.78	1.48	6.26
				1 8 20 1935	1935	4.25	1.66	5.91
				1 8 20 1934	1934	3.88	1.82	5.70
				1 8 24 1932	1932	2.81	1.78	4.59
				1 8 20 1931	1931	5.49	3.48	8.97
				1 8 22 1930	1930	5.66	3.17	8.83
				1 9 1 1929	1929	6.58	3.68	10.26
				1 9 1 1928	1928	5.76	3.23	8.99
								\$70.91
Mrs. W. M. Barnett, Wasco Fairview, Lots 2-4-5-6-7 8-9-10-11 and 12	12	14		1 8 14 1939	1939	1.56	.11	1.67
				1 9 3 1938	1938	1.52	.23	1.75
				1 9 3 1937	1937	5.06	1.16	6.22
				1 8 22 1936	1936	6.57	2.04	8.71
				1 8 22 1935	1935	5.84	2.28	8.12
				1 8 22 1934	1934	5.34	2.50	7.84
				1 8 26 1932	1932	5.63	3.12	8.75
				1 8 22 1931	1931	19.41	12.29	31.70
				1 8 24 1930	1930	20.01	11.21	31.22
				1 9 3 1929	1929	23.28	13.04	36.32
				1 9 3 1928	1928	20.38	11.41	31.79
								\$174.09
Mr. W. M. Barnett, Wasco, Tract deed Record R, page 327, South of Block 8, of Biggs 2nd. Addition.				1 8 15 1939	1939	1.56	.11	1.67
				1 9 4 1938	1938	1.52	.23	1.75
				1 9 4 1937	1937	1.87	.43	2.30
				1 8 24 1936	1936	5.37	1.66	7.03
				1 8 24 1935	1935	6.90	2.69	9.59
				1 8 24 1934	1934	6.30	2.96	9.26
				1 8 28 1932	1932	5.57	3.08	8.65
				1 8 24 1931	1931	7.60	4.81	12.41
				1 8 26 1930	1930	7.83	4.58	12.21
				1 9 5 1929	1929	9.11	5.10	14.21
				1 9 4 1928	1928	7.98	4.47	12.45
								\$91.53
The W. M. Barnett estate, Wasco McPherson, Lots 3 and 4	4	1		1 8 20 1939	1939	8.99	.63	9.62
				1 9 8 1938	1938	8.76	1.31	10.07
				1 8 15 1937	1937	16.14	3.71	19.55
				1 8 4 1936	1936	20.90	6.48	27.38
				1 8 16 1935	1935	36.11	14.08	50.19
				1 8 16 1934	1934	47.53	22.34	69.87
				1 8 19 1932	1932	36.96	20.45	57.41
				1 8 16 1931	1931	69.08	37.41	96.49
				1 8 18 1930	1930	60.90	34.10	95.00
				1 8 19 1929	1929	70.84	39.67	110.51
								Total \$546.59
The W. M. Barnett estate Wasco, McPherson, Lots 5 and 6	6	1		1 8 21 1939	1939	28.55	2.00	30.55
				1 9 9 1938	1938	27.82	4.17	31.07
				1 8 16 1937	1937	33.66	7.74	41.39
				1 8 6 1936	1936	43.58	13.80	57.08
				1 8 17 1935	1935	38.76	15.11	53.87
				1 8 17 1934	1934	32.98	15.50	48.48
				1 8 20 1932	1932	23.95	13.25	37.20
				1 8 17 1931	1931	42.20	26.73	68.93
				1 8 19 1930	1930	43.50	24.36	67.86
				1 8 20 1929	1929	60.60	28.34	78.94
								\$515.37
John Phillip Blair, Moro Hays Addition Lots 3-4-5 and 6	6			1 13-18 1939	1939	.78	.05	.83
				1 14-11 1938	1938	.79	.12	.91
				1 14 7 1937	1937	1.98	.45	2.45
				1 14 5 1936	1936	1.68	.52	2.20
				1 14 12 1935	1935	1.80	.70	2.50
								\$8.87
W. C. Bryant estate, Moro Mowry, Lots 7 and 8	8	4		1 17 24 1939	1939	1.56	.11	1.67
				1 18 28 1938	1938	1.57	.23	1.80
				1 18 21 1937	1937	2.99	.69	3.68
				1 19 2 1936	1936	2.53	.78	3.31
				1 19 18 1935	1935	2.67	1.04	3.71
				1 19 16 1934	1934	2.97	1.40	4.37
				1 19 19 1932	1932	2.24	1.24	3.48
				1 19 10 1931	1931	7.16	4.53	11.69
				1 19 3 1930	1930	7.25	4.06	11.51
				1 19 10 1929	1929	10.57	5.92	16.49
								\$61.51

W. C. Bryant estate, Moro Mowry, Lots 3 and 4	4	1		1 17 25 1939	1939	.78	.05	.83
				1 18 29 1938	1938	.79	.12	.91
				1 18 22 1937	1937	.96	.23	1.22
				1 19 3 1936	1936	.84	.20	1.04
				1 19 19 1935	1935	.89	.25	1.24
				1 19 17 1934	1934	.99	.26	1.45
				1 19 20 1932	1932	.75	.41	1.16
				1 19 11 1931	1931	.96	.60	1.55
				1 19 4 1930	1930	4.84	2.43	6.67
				1 19 11 1929	1929	6.34	3.55	9.89
								\$25.93
S. O. Clodfelter, Wasco, Armsworthy	10	3		1 23 10 1939	1939	1.97	.18	2.15
				1 24 25 1938	1938	1.91	.29	2.20
				1 23 25 1937	1937	3.23	.74	3.97
				1 23 28 1936	1936	4.18	1.30	5.48
				1 24 8 1935	1935	3.72	1.45	5.17
								\$18.97
Lenore M. Huls Cothera Moro, Mowry	6	5		1 26 9 1939	1939	1.17	.08	1.25
				1 69 19 1938	1938	1.18	.17	1.35
				1 68 16 1937	1937	1.49	.34	1.83
				1 71 17 1936	1936	1.26	.39	1.65
				1 74 6 1935	1935	1.34	.52	1.86
				1 76 6 1934	1934	1.48	.70	2.18
				1 75 3 1932	1932	1.12	.62	1.74
				1 75 11 1931	1931	2.90	1.84	4.74
				1 73 11 1930	1930	2.86	1.60	4.46
				1 73 24 1929	1929	2.71	1.52	4.23
								\$25.29
Mamie Elliott NW 1/4 of SW 1/4	28	2N	19	1 42 15 1939	1939	.73	.05	.78
				1 97 1 1938	1938	.88	.13	1.01
				1 95 10 1937	1937	.88	.20	1.08
				1 100 17 1936	1936	.98	.30	1.28
				2 8 23 1935	1935	.95	.37	1.32
								\$5.47
Gladys E. Ford Wasco Tract Deed Record U Page 400				1 49 16 1939	1939	2.34	.16	2.50
				1 49 13 1938	1938	2.29	.34	2.63
				1 51 17 1937	1937	3.69	.85	4.54
				1 51 17 1936	1936	4.78	1.48	6.26
				1 53 3 1935	1935	4.25	.61	4.86
				1 51 21 1929	1929	3.04	1.70	4.74
								\$25.53
Alnie M. Harris estate Kent, Ragsdale & Morrison Lots 1-2-3 and 4	4	3		1 60 20 1939	1939	1.13	.08	1.21